

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-21 were pending in the present application. Claims 9-21 are allowed. The present response cancels claims 1-8, leaving pending in the application claims 9-21. A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

I. Allowed Claims

Claims 9-21 are allowed.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Mager* (US 5,944,748). Claims 1-8 have been canceled in order to expedite issuance of allowed claims 9-21, such that the rejection is now moot. Cancellation of claims 1-8 is not to be interpreted as acquiescence to the rejection with regard to *Mager*, and Applicants reserve the right to present these claims in a continuation application.

III. Conclusion

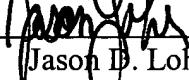
In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-1703, under Order No. ALTU-210. **A duplicate copy of the transmittal cover sheet attached to this Response to Office Action Mailed August 8, 2005, is provided herewith.**

Respectfully submitted,

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